

## **Diocese of London Statement Regarding Fr. Bernard A. Robert**

The Diocese of London has received claims from four individuals regarding sexual misconduct that allegedly occurred while they were minors with the late Fr. Bernard Robert.

Frt. Robert was administrator at St. Mary, Blenheim from 1957-69, except for three years when he was administrator at St. Hyacinthe in Portage Prairie, Manitoba. He was pastor of St. Matthew, Alvinston and Our Lady Help of Christians, Watford from 1969-73; Sacred Heart, Langton from 1973-76; St. Francis Xavier, Tilbury from 1976-89; and Holy Family, Wallaceburg from 1989-93. He retired in 1993 and died in 1996 at the age of 72.

We are sorry for all of the hurt victims have experienced. We are committed to living up to our responsibilities and obligations to victims of sexual misconduct in the search for justice and truth. The victims who have come forward are making a difference and we thank them for doing so. We offer counselling to all victims of sexual misconduct by clergy. We continue to work toward prevention of misconduct in the Diocese of London.

The Diocese of London has had a sexual abuse policy since 1989; the current policy, A Safe Environment Policy for the Diocese of London, is online at [www.dol.ca](http://www.dol.ca).

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